



# Order of Worship

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m. Service

**During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.  
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.**

**Prelude**

*Lift My Life Up*

**Introit**

*Lord, We Come to Worship You*

*Folts*

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #455**

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Thou fertile earth, that day by day unfoldest blessings on your way,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and cast on God your care!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess to you the faithlessness of our lives. Forgive our arrogance and pride in wasting away precious time and sacred resources. Forgive our sins and help us to have a heart of true wisdom. In Christ's name, we pray.**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Congregational Response

*Gloria Patri*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *From the Inside Out*

\*Hymn #592 *The Doxology*

## \*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*Choral Response

**Anthem** *Here's One* *Hayes*

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 11:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

\*Hymn #379 **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

<sup>14</sup> Now when Elisha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

<sup>15</sup> And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and arrows." So he took a bow and arrows. <sup>16</sup> Then he said to the king of Israel, "Draw the bow," and he drew it. And Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. <sup>17</sup> And he said, "Open the window eastward," and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot," and he shot. And he said, "The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground with them." And he struck three times and stopped. <sup>19</sup> Then the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times."

<sup>20</sup> So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. <sup>21</sup> And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

**The Fire of Faith: Final Acts**

*"Now when Elisha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, 'My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!'" (2 Kings 13:14)*

**\*Prayers of the People****\*Hymn #439****In Christ There Is No East or West**

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;  
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

**\*Charge and Benediction****\*Closing Response**

4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*Postlude***God of the Impossible*

\*Please stand if able.

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